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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 13-15, 17, 18 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14 and 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 13, 15, 17, 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Applicant's response of February 15, 2008 has been carefully considered. The new drawings with the PRIOR ART labels have been received and are approved. Applicant's remarks, to the extent that they are pertinent to the new rejections set forth below, are addressed in the body of those rejections.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 15 and 17 (the positioning of channel 17 "within" the cooling water outlet 5 in elected Figure 8) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered. With regard to new matter, with regard to any drawing submitted applicant must explain how the original disclosure supports the new drawing, namely by explaining where in the original disclosure it is disclosed that channel 17 in elected Figure 8 is positioned in the water outlet 5 and how that is accomplished with the structure disclosed in Figure 8. While it is clear that the channel 16 in non-elected Figures 6 and 7 is positioned in the water outlet 5, it remains unclear that channel 17 is or how this is accomplished. Do not introduce any new matter into the proposed drawing correction that cannot be supported by the original disclosure.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure

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number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 17 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The recitation in both claims 11 and 24 that the bypass flow path guides the cooling water "to a direction diametrically opposite the inlet" does not appear to be

supported by the original disclosure. In elected Figure 8, the direction of flow through the bypass member 17 is in a direction perpendicular to the flow of cooling water 9 through the inlet 4 (as is more clearly shown in Figure 6). See the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 12 of the specification where the structure (with respect to conduit 16 and, by extension, to the elected species illustration of conduit 17) is accurately described. In general the term "diametrically opposite" is conventionally used to denote the location of something rather than the direction of something.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 17 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear in either of claims 11 and 24 whether applicant is claiming one tube (claim 11, line 3 and claim 24, line 5) or multiple tubes (claim 11, line 2 and claim 24, line 4). Furthermore the recitation in both claims 11 and 24 that the bypass flow path guides the cooling water "to a direction diametrically opposite the inlet" is vague and not descriptive. In elected Figure 8, the direction of flow through the bypass member 17 is in a direction perpendicular to the flow of cooling water 9 through the inlet 4 (as is more clearly shown in Figure 6). See the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 12 of

the specification where the structure (with respect to conduit 16 and, by extension, to the elected species illustration of conduit 17) is accurately described. In general the term "diametrically opposite" is conventionally used to denote the location of something rather than the direction of something.

Claims 11, 13, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moser et al (USP 3,735,811).

See Figures 6-8. A heat exchanger is shown with a shell 2 and a plurality of tubes 4 (legend omitted from Figures 6-8). An inlet 5 and outlet 6 at opposite ends of the shell are shown. A "cover" (legend omitted from Figures 6-8) corresponding to applicant's claimed "guide" is shown in Figure 6 attached to each end of the tubes 4 for feeding another fluid into and through the tubes 4. A bypass flow path 11 is defined above the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) and the interior of the upper portion of the shell 2. The portion of the bypass flow path furthest away from outlet 6 is diametrically opposite the inlet 5. The claimed bypass "flow conduit" defining the bypass flow path 11 is delimited by the upper side of the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) and the interior facing side of the upper portion of the shell 2. Regarding claim 13, there are no tubes in bypass flow path 11 and therefore this structure meets the reduced number of tubes recitation. Regarding claims 15 and 17, by virtue of the fact that the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) runs the entire length of the tubes as shown in Figure 8, the bypass

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"flow path" crosses the entirety of the outlet 6 and is therefore deemed to be "within" the cooling water outlet. After all a "flow path" is not a piece of structure.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 17 and 24 are under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Moser et al (USP 3,735,811) and applicant's conceded PRIOR ART described on page 1, (13 lines from the bottom)-page 6, line 2 of the specification.

See Figures 6-8. A heat exchanger is shown with a shell 2 and a plurality of tubes 4 (legend omitted from Figures 6-8). An inlet 5 and outlet 6 at opposite ends of the shell are shown. A "cover" (legend omitted from Figures 6-8) corresponding to applicant's claimed "guide" is shown in Figure 6 attached to each end of the tubes 4 for feeding another fluid into and through the tubes 4. A bypass flow path 11 is defined above the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) and the interior of the upper portion of the shell 2. The portion of the bypass flow path furthest away from outlet 6 is diametrically opposite the inlet 5. The claimed bypass "flow conduit" defining the bypass flow path 11 is delimited by the upper side of the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) and the interior facing side of the upper portion of the shell 2. Regarding claim 13, there are no tubes in bypass flow path 11 and therefore this structure meets the reduced number of tubes recitation. Regarding claims 15 and 17, by virtue of the fact that the horizontal plate (above the topmost row of tubes in Figure 7) runs the entire length of the tubes as shown in Figure 8, the bypass

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To have connected the shell inlet 5 and outlet 6 of Moser to a source of cooling water and one of the "covers" (applicant's claimed "guide") at each end of the tubes of Moser to a diesel engine would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to advantageously improve the efficiency of the heat exchange with the exhaust gas by improving the distribution of the shell-side flow avoiding any stagnation areas within the shell as taught by Moser. Applicant's prior art explicitly teaches that it is known to use shell and tube heat exchangers (such as shown by Moser) to cool hot exhaust gas from a diesel engine using cooling water from the engine.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John K. Ford whose telephone number is 571-272-4911. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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